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Newsletter #57:

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Hello everyone! I hope you all had a good week. This week was very nice. I thought the Davisson auction was very nice. Some interesting pieces, particularly British were to be had. I hope that some of you were able to pick up some nice piece. This coming week starting on Sunday is going to have some interesting auctions. As always please do get in touch if you are interested in anything. Chances are I will be bidding and I appreciate your support!

Here is what is happening this week:

Savoca 5th Blue Sale (Feb 24-25)

I mentioned this auction last week but it deserves another shout out since it is not too late to participate.

Savoca has different tiers of sales from what I can tell. This sale is composed of 1,779 coins of lower quality. Please let me know if you need my help in this auction. It is can be found on Sixbid and Numisbids.

Leu Numismatik Web Auction 3 (Feb 25)

Leu has 1300 lots of interesting ancient coins (there is a smattering of world as well) coming to auction on February 25. Naturally, the material is a step down from their live auction offerings but there are plenty diamonds in the rough. I would recommend taking a peek through. I am set to participate so please let me know if you need my help. This auction can be viewed on Sixbid and Numisbids.

Künker E-Live Auction 48 (Feb 27-Mar 1)

Over the course of three days, Künker will hold an e-auction with 1,803 lots. They have a superb live auction coming up in Osnabrück on March 19-23. This e-sale has some

interesting pieces but the really great stuff in my opinion is on its way. If you like medals I saw some really fascinating ones from the First World War. If you want to ponder one of them check out lot 1623. I had to look really close at it and then consult with my husband if my eyes were truly seeing what I thought they were. I won't say anymore than that. I will say that Künker always has some exciting material on offer. I received a number of catalogs from Künker this past week and I sent them out to clients that I thought might want them. I still have one left so if you want one please just let me know. I'll gladly send it out. This auction can be viewed on Sixbid and Numisbids. Please let me know if you are interested in anything.

CNG E-Auction 415 (Feb 28)

Like clockwork, CNG is closing their 415th e-auction on February 28th with 786 lots. I've already gone through the sale and saw a number of interesting pieces. As you all are probably aware I actively participate in their auctions. Please let me know if I can assist.

Jesús Vico Live Auction 150 (Mar 1)

Do you like ancient Spanish coinage? Well, this is the auction for you. Vico has the Cores Collection of 271 coins being auctioned off on March 1 at their offices/auction room. The collection is not pristine by any means but there were some diamonds in the rough so taking a peek is worthwhile. Just don't read too much into the grades. I had a good laugh at the "very weird" translation at the end of several coins. Obviously an error in translation. The second part of the auction offers a rather impressive selection of Greek and Roman Republican pieces, many of them pedigreed. I'd like to participate in the auction so let me know if you need my help.

Roma E-Sale 44 (Mar 3)

Roma has 990 coins coming up in their 44th e-sale on March 3. I haven't finished perusing the entire sale but what I saw was impressive. It will be worthwhile to check it out. I actively participate in their auctions so please let me know if you need my help.

Upcoming Shanna Schmidt Website News

My husband Rainer has been working like crazy lately to update my website and more importantly make it a true commerce site. What this means is that you can buy directly from my site versus going on Vcoins. I truly like working with VCoins and I'll continue to do so, but somehow having items sell directly from my site is the direction I'd like to go. In addition to going "commerce" you'll notice some small but nice changes that will make the site more enjoyable. We also invested in some better lenses for our smaller coins. You'll notice the better details on the coins. This new development will be coming in the next few weeks so stay tuned.

Ex-Numis Pedigree Search

I've mentioned this great service several times in my newsletter but it is worth another mention. The coin of the week was purchased without a pedigree. After I sent in a picture of it to my friend Dr. Jonas Flueck he replied within a few days with a pedigree going back to 1991. I've heard some complaints that people send in pictures and don't

get results but as time goes on and Jonas refines the program, I'm certain that matches will happen. In any case, you pay only a small amount to send in a coin so why not give it a shot? It can't hurt. Here is the website: <https://www.ex-numis.com>



Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

ROMAN REPUBLIC, C. Naevius Balbus. Rome, 79 BC

AR Serrate Denarius, 3.88g (18mm, 1h) Diademed head of Venus r.; behind, S C; before, control letter, Rv. Victory in triga r., holding reins; in ex. [C] NAE BALB

Pedigree: Ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 28, 17 September 1991, lot 332

Price: \$1,200

The moneyer, C. Naevius Balbus, was part of a wealthy family line that supposedly extended back to Phoenician origin and settled in Spain (Gades). Apparently the name Balbus meant “stutterers”. This coin was minted around the time of Sulla, the general and later dictator, who was undoubtedly one of the men that helped to crumble the Roman Republic. C. Naevius Balbus was an ardent supporter of Sulla and this coin was likely minted to commemorate the Sulla's victory against Mithridates VI of Pontus around 85 BC. The obverse of the coin shows Venus who was the patron deity of Sulla and the triga represents a battle.

References: Crawford 382/1a; RSC Naevia 6b; Sydenham 769
Grade: Iridescent toning. Good EF
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If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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Until next week!
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